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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: FLYING TIGER ROC/HONG KONG SERVICE

- 1. FLYING TIGER LINES (FTL) HAS TOLD US THAT AS RESULT OF "INADVERTENCE" ON PART OF ITS SCHEDULING DEPARTMENT, IT RECENTLY FILED SCHEDULES WITH DOT SHOWING KAOHSIUNG ON ITS SERVICE TO HONG KONG. (KAOHSIUNG IS POINT ON US ROUTE 4 OF US-ROC BILATERAL; KAOHSIUNG IS NOT POINT ON US ROUTE 6 OF US-UK BILATERAL). DOT HAS IN TURN INFORMED FTL THAT KAOHSIUNG SERVICE NOT PERMITTED, BUT THAT IT WILL TEMPORARILY AUTHORIZE FTL TO OPERATE TAIPEI OR KAOHSIUNG BUT NOT BOTH ON SERVICE THROUGH HONG KONG.
- 2. FTL IS INTERESTED IN EXPLOITING SERVICE TO FREEPORT KAOHSIUNG AREA BUT WITHOUT COSTLY NECESSITY OF ESTABLISHING SERVICE APART FROM PRESENT TOKYO/ROC/HONG KONG ROUTING. ACCORDINGLY, CARRIER HAS REQUESTED US TO EXPLORE WITH HMG POSSIBILITY OF AMENDING BILATERAL TO INCLUDE KAOHSIUNG ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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US ROUTE 6. FTL ARGUES THIS WILL BE COSTLESS TO BRITISH

SINCE PRESENT TRAFFIC BETWEEN ROC AND HONG KONG VIRTUALLY NIL-A SITUATION NOT LIKELY TO CHANGE BY ADDITION NEW ROC POINT. IN MEANTIME FTL PROPOSES AND HAS TELEXED DOT TO EFFECT THAT IT OPERATE TAIPEI/KAOHSIUNG/HK BUT WITHOUT TRAFFIC RIGHTS KAOHSIUNG/HK. THIS WOULD PERMIT CARRIER TO

RATIONALIZE SERVICE BETWEEN VARIOUS POINTS ON ITS SYSTEM WITHOUT AFFECTING INACTIVE ROC/HK MARKET.

3. CONCERNING AMENDMENT OF BILATERAL, OUR INITIAL REACTION IS THAT HMG WOULD OBVIOUSLY EXPECT SOMETHING IN RETURN FOR ADDITION KAOHSIUNG TO ROUTE 6 DESCRIPTION. WOULD NEVERTHELESS APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS IN THIS CONNECTION. EMBASSS REQUEST INFORMALLY EXPLORE WITH DOT POSSIBILITY OF PROVISIONAL AUTHORIZATION ENABLING FTL TO OPERATE TAIPEI/KAOHSIUNG/HK WITHOUT TRAFFIC RIGHTS KAOHSIUNG/HK SECTOR. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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